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SUBJECT: 30TH GA - 2ND COMMITTEE - ITEM 64 DISASTERS - IRANIAN
RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 242141

1. DRAFT IRANIAN RES RE UNDRO, SHOWN PARA 4, PASSED
INFORMALLY TO MISOFF BY THE DUTCH. THIS RES INTER ALIA
WOULD CREATE AN EMERGENCY FUND FOR DISASTER RELIEF AS WELL
AS ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS TO ASSIST
UNDRO IM MODILIZING RESOURCES FOR THE FUND. IRANIAN RES
CLEARLY IS OUTGROWTH OF 59TH ECOSOC RES RE UNDRO.

2. USUN SEES IRANIAN RES AS TURNING UNDRO INTO A DONOR,
AND GOES WELL BEYOND PROPOSALS IN US POSITION PAPER. ALSO WE
SES POSSIBILITY THAT COMMITTEE OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS
WILL BE CONFUSED WITH PANEL OF EXPERTS PREPOSED REFTTEL.
PLEASE ADVISE.

3. DUTCH INDICATED THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE PROBELS WITH
IRAINIAN RES AS WELL. DUTCH MISOFF SPECULATED THAT PERHAPS
IRANIAN RES IS REALLY BERKOL'S USUN HAS
NO INDICATION THAT THERE IS ANY MERIT IN THIS SPECULA-
TION BUT FINDS IT AN INTERESTING IDEA. IT SUGGESTS,
FOR EXAMPLE, THAT POSSIBLY ONE WAY TO TONE DOWN IRANIAN
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RES IS THROUGH GENEVA.

4. TEXT OF RES FOLLOWS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF,
IN PARTICULAR RESOLUTIONS 2816 (XXVI) OF 14TH DECEMBER 1971 AND
3243 (XXIX) OF 29TH NOVEMBER 1974;

RECALLING ALSO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ENDORSEMENT OF
THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FURTHER EXPLORE
THE CREATION OF THE SPECIAL VOLUNTARY FUND FOR EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATIONAL DISASTER AND OTHER SITUATIONS. (1)

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL ON ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTERS
AND OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS AND OF THE STATEMENT MADE TO THE
COMMITTEE BY THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS OFFICE;

MINDFUL OF THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE OFFICE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR AND IN
THE CO-ORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN DISASTER SITUATIONS;

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ESTABLISH A
UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FUND FOR DISASTER RELIEF AND AUTHORIZES
THE DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL,

(A) TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OFFERED TO HIM FOR
DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE, AND

(B) TO EXPAND IN ADDITION TO HIS PRESENT AUTHORITY
UP TO 10 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE IN
THE FUND FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN ANY ONE
YEAR PER COUNTRY IN THE CASES OF ANY ONE DISASTER,

2. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ESTABLISH
A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS PARTICULARLY
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INTERESTED IN AND CONCERNED WITH DISASTER RELIEF TO ASSIST THE
CO-ORDINATOR IN MOBILIZING FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND TO ADVISE AND
COUNSEL HIM IN THE REGARD;

3. INVITES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO ENCOURAGE THE SETTING
UP OF NATIONAL FUNDS RAISING COMMITTEES TO PROMOTE VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS (FROM PRIVATE SOURCES) TO THE FUND.
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